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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 8485

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GAO AUDIT NARCOTICS PROGRAM

RIO FOR RICHARD ROCK

REF: STATE 235903

1. DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL CAUSED BY ABSNECE OF NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND SAIC AT BOGOTA AND LIMA CONFERENCES, RESPECTIVELY. SAIC IS NOW ATTENDING CLOSING OF DEA TWO-WEEK SCHOOL IN RIO AND THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL DOES NOT INCLUDE HIS COMMENTS.

2. GAO AUDIT IN BRASILIA WAS RATHER DIFFUSE AND DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE FOCAL POINT. CONVERSATIONS WITH GAO TEAM LEFT EMBASSY OFFICERS WITH IMPRESSION THAT BASIC OBJECTIVE WAS TO GAIN GENERAL INFORMATION DESCRIPTIVE OF BRAZIL NARCOTICS PROGRAM. NO FORMAL EXIT CONFERENCE WAS HELD ALTHOUGH AUDITORS HAD FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND MET WITH NARCOTICS COORDINATOR BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR RELATIVELY BRIEF CONVERSATION.

3. MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSIONS DURING VISIT WERE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) WHILE GAO HAD NO QUARREL WITH NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN PREMISE OF BUILDING BRAZILIAN CAPABILITY TO CONFRONT NARCOTICS  
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PROBLEMS, THEY WERE MORE INTERESTED IN SHORT TERM PROGRESS OF INTERDICTING NARCOTICS FLOW TO U.S. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR

DISCUSSED AT LENGTH SUCCESS OF U.S.-BRAZILIAN COOPERATION ON OPERATION SPRINGBOARD AND ON MORMAC-ALTAIR SEIZURE.

(B) GAO FAVORED ASSIGNMENT OF DEA AGENTS TO SAO PAULO AND POSSIBLY RIO DE JANEIRO. COORDINATOR EXPLAINED CURRENT POSITION OF GOB ON THIS SUBJECT AND OUTLINED MODUS OPERANDI DESCRIBED IN BRASILIA 8192. IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, IF GAO REPORT CASTIGATED GOB ON THIS POINT, INEVITABLY REACTION IN BRAZIL WOULD BE HIGHLY NEGATIVE AND DETRIMENTAL TO NARCOTICS PROGRAM.

(C) GAO WAS INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OF BRAZIL ASSUMING LEADERSHIP AMONG LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE IN NARCOTICS EFFORT. COORDINATOR EXPLAINED BRAZILIAN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH POLICE AGENCIES IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. HOWEVER CULTURAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HISPANIC AND LUSITANIAN SYSTEMS AND INTENSE RIVALRY WITH ARGENTINA MADE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH LEADERSHIP ROLE UNLIKELY.

(D) GAO RAISED QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION WITH GOB BASED ON THEIR REVIEW OF FILES COVERING EXCHANGES WITH WASHINGTON AGENCIES DURING HEIGHT OF OPERATION SPRINGBOARD WHEN EMBASSY WAS REPORTING CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS OF FORMER FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF GENERAL CANEPPA. COORDINATOR POINTED OUT THAT SIMILAR PROBLEM DID NOT EXIST WITH CURRENT CHIEF GENERAL BANDEIRA. BANDEIRA WAS MORE OPERATIONS-MINDED AND APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH LEVEL OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE. HOWEVER IMPROVEMENT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY POSSIBLE IN THIS FIELD.

(E) GAO TEAM ASKED SEVERAL QUESTION WITH REGARD TO EXTRADITION AND EXPULSION OF TRAFFICKERS AND APPEARED SATISFIED AT OUR EXPLANATION THAT NO PROBLEMS EXISTED IN THIS REGARD WITH BRAZIL. COORDINATOR RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS HIGH PRIORITY ITEM FOR GAO TEAM.

4. NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE CENTER IDEA SURFACED DURING PRE-LIMINARY CONVERSATION WITH GAO TEAM ON FIRST VISIT OF OCTOBER 17 BASED ON MATERIAL ALREADY AVAILABLE TO TEAM. THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT WAS EXPLAINED TO GAO TEAM.

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5. BRASILIA 2385 MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL WAS TRANSMITTED JULY 1, 1972 REPEAT 1972 AND EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT IT CARRIES CAPTION "FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL S/IG ONLY". IN ADDITION EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT REPORT CITED PARA 2 (C) IS DEA "REPORT OF INVESTIGATION" AND NOT REPEAT NOT CABLE.

6. NO COPIES OF OTHER DOCUMENTS BEYOND THOSE CITED REFTELS OR POUCHES TO WASHINGTON WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO GAO TEAM. GAO TEAM DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS OF SPECIAL

CONCERN TO THEM.  
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